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Cell Phone and Personal Electronic Device Policy

The Piedmont City School District (PCSD) has created this policy to follow the FOCUS Act and to maintain a focused, safe, and productive learning environment. The purpose of this policy is to reduce distractions, prevent cheating, and ensure that students can learn without interruptions.

General Guidelines

- Students cannot use cell phones, smartwatches, tablets, gaming devices, headphones, earbuds, or any other personal electronic devices during class, unless allowed by a teacher or administrator.
- All devices should be turned off and stored in lockers, vehicles, backpacks, or other designated areas. Students are not allowed to carry them on their person.

Exceptions:

1. If it's stated in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP), Section 504 Plan, or Individualized Health Plan.
2. In emergencies that affect the safety or life of the student or others.

Discipline for Violating the Policy

1st Offense: The device will be confiscated, a discipline report will be written, and the device will be returned at the end of the school day.

2nd Offense: The device will be confiscated, a discipline report will be written, and the device must be picked up by a parent or guardian.

3rd Offense: The device will be confiscated, a discipline report will be written, the device must be picked up by a parent or guardian, and the student will receive 1 day of In-School Suspension (ISS).

4th Offense: The device will be confiscated, a discipline report will be written, the device must be picked up by a parent or guardian, and the student will receive 3 days of ISS.

5th Offense: The device will be confiscated, a discipline report will be written, the device must be picked up by a parent or guardian, and the student will receive 5 days of ISS.

Subsequent Offenses: If the student continues to violate the policy, there may be a hearing for alternative placement.

Refusal to Hand Over Device

If a student refuses to give a device to a staff member when asked, this will be considered defiant behavior. The student will face disciplinary action according to the PCSD Code of Student Conduct.

Responsibility and Parent Support

- Parents/guardians should help monitor their child's use of devices and support the school's policy.
- Students should understand the rules and consequences of not following them.
- Devices are brought to school at the student's own risk, and the school is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items.

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